

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

5208

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/26/2006

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

none

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 104-333 (Division I, Title X, Section 1007)

13. Effective Date

11/12/1996

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)

\$0.00 \$0.00

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| 18d. Total | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE) | 0.00 | 0.00 |

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee's purpose is accomplished through open public meetings to deliberate and seek public input to facilitate continuing updates to the NPS with concerns from the community regarding the future development, management, and interpretation of the preserve. The Committee also provided advice during the preparation of the general management plan.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is as prescribed by the enabling legislation, and is composed of 13 members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, as follows: (1) three members representing the National Park Trust, Inc, now their successor-in-interest The Nature Conservancy; (2) three members representing local landowners, cattle ranchers, or other agricultural interests; (3) three members representing conservation or historic preservation interests (4) one member selected from recommendations by the Chase County Commission, Kansas; and one member selected from recommendations by appropriate officials of Strong City, Kansas, and Cottonwood Falls, Kansas; and one member selected from recommendations by the Governor of the State of Kansas); and (5) one member who is a range management specialist representing institutions of higher education in the State of Kansas.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

This Committee has been designated Administratively Inactive.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee was established by the Congress to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service concerning the development, management, and interpretation of the Preserve. Primary purpose was to advise in the development of the park's general management plan (GMP). The GMP was completed in 2000.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

No meetings were held in Fiscal Year 2018, and the Committee has been designated

Administratively Inactive. 17a The three new members of the successor-in-interest (The Nature Conservancy) to the National Park Trust were appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to three year terms on 4/21/06. All 13 sitting committee members terms have expired. Charter.--The rechartering provisions of section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (15 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Advisory Committee.

Designated Federal Officer

Wendy S. Lauritzen Superintendent, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Narrative Description

This Committee has been designated Administratively Inactive. Increased public acceptance of preserve's management, operations, and development by those constituents represented by members on the advisory committee.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

Over \$10,000,000

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendations provided for development of General Management Plan in 2000 and development of Revised GMP for construction of Visitor Center and other facilities were completed in December 2007.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The park has just begun implementing the General Management Plan. In 2009, over 41 miles of old ranch roads were opened for use as public hiking trails with significant improvement in points of access occurring in 2010. Extension of hours of use when lands were available for hiking/ wildlife viewing was changed from 9 - 4:30 to 24 hours per day. Significant progress is being done for construction of a visitor center and administrative offices that was identified in the 2007 revised GMP. Contracts for the construction occurred in September 2010.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback with committee members has been through informal contacts or through other public comment process such as the Environmental Assessment process for the reintroduction of bison onto the preserve. Many of the members of the advisory committee were involved with providing public comment on the actions called for in the GMP for implementation. Some of the committee members are those we work with on a daily or routine basis.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

This Committee has been designated Administratively Inactive.